



Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

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Dear ENERGY STAR Stakeholder,

Several partners have inquired about the status of the ENERGY STAR criteria for residential style commercial clothes washers on January 1, 2004.

In 2001 the ENERGY STAR criteria for clothes washers was expanded to include commercial clothes washers. The intent was to make the qualifying criteria for commercial and residential products consistent. Similarly, effective January 1, 2004, qualifying commercial clothes washers must have a minimum Modified Energy Factor (MEF) of 1.42. Qualifying models must also have a volume of 3.5 cubic feet or lower and can be sold with or without vending systems.

Commercial washer models will continue to be listed separately from the residential washers on the ENERGY STAR web-based product list, as the web-based list is intended to help consumers make decisions on purchasing residential products.

If you have any questions, please contact Bill McNary at D&R International at 301-588-9387 or by email at bmcnary@drintl.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard H. Karney", is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

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